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Dear Mrs. Llanos,

I know you will be glad to have ocular evidence of the continued existence of London, the Post Office, & myself, notwithstanding the ~~the~~ threats of the dynamitists; so I take the opportunity of writing to ask whether you can charge your recollection to solve one or two questions with which I am at the moment concerned.

I want to identify the Richards whom Keats classes for wit with Rice & Reynolds. Thomas Richards was a friend of your brother's, & Charles Richards printed Keats's first book. There was a Thomas Richards in the Ordnance Dept. who was afterwards executor to Charles Brown & guardian of Carlino; & I want to know whether this was Keats's Thomas Richards & whether his brother printer was the witty fellow.

Also, do you recollect a Monkhouse as among your brother's friends? If so, any particulars about him would be acceptable, especially his Chr. name, & dates of birth & death: he died before Haydon.

Do you know anything of the whereabouts of any Drewes, Symondses, or Hodgetts, who, as the people-in-law of J. H. Reynolds might help me to recover Keats-Reynolds details & documents?

I want Haslam's Chr. name & to know whether he was

executor was Mr Saunders
in 1819, or if not, who of
Keats's friends was.

Can you say whether Keats
called Margaret Brawne
by the pet name of "Toots"?

Do you know who enjoyed
the nick-name of Milla-
mant; and whether "the
Bishop" was the name of
a dog, or some one's
nick-name?

Was "Elm Cottage" the house
at which Mrs. Brawne resided
between her residence at
Brown's and Dilke's houses?

I do not of course expect
you to remember one
que[illegible]s of these

things, if indeed you ever
knew about them; so, if
you will kindly give me
such answers as you can,
I will conclude that ~~that~~
the rest are insoluble,
without your saying any-
thing about them, yes or
no.

Two days ago, I made the
acquaintance of Miss Char-
lotte Reynolds, who gave
me some valuable inform-
ation & assistance. She
seems much devoted to your
brother's memory.

With best regards to Mrs. Llanos.
Yours always very sincerely
HBF

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My dear Mr Forman

I am very sorry that I am not able to answer your questions; for I was separated from my brothers, when I was but nine years of age, and was placed at a boarding school at Walthamstow, where I saw them but very seldom, and my holydays were spent between the two houses of my Guardians. Besides Mr Abbey would not allow to form any acquaintance beyond his own circle of friends. Much against his inclination I became acquainted with the Dilke's and the Browne's, and a slight knowledge of the Reynolds

I have in my possession a copy of my brother's first book, the "Poems". Printed by C and J Ollier No 3 Welbeck Street, Cavendish Square. 1817.